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## THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS

The Paris Post No. 1, American Legion, at a general meeting recently heartily endorsed and approved the work of the American Library in Paris, Inc. The resolutions were transmitted to headquarters in Indianapolis and word has now been received that the need of the Paris Library for books has been called to the attention of each department. This information will probably be passed on to the several Legion posts and the hope is expressed that the result will be the donation of a great number of books.

Good resolutions not being enough, the Paris Post has recently sent out to each of its seven hundred members in Paris, the following notice:

### KEEP YOUR BOOKS EMPLOYED

In view of the increased demands upon the American Library for American and English books, the trustees ask all who have books which they are no longer using to present them to the Library.

Any book which has been of use to you can be made of use to many others, either in the library here or in the other libraries of Europe where such books are needed. l'Élysée, or write the librarian asking him leave them at the library, 10, rue de l'Élysée, or write the librarian asking him to send for them, or telephone (Élysée 58-84 or 53-90).

### THE LIBRARY A MEMORIAL

W. Dawson Johnston says:

"This interest in the Library I may explain, is due not merely to its direct use to members of the Paris Post, but also to their desire to see the library made a memorial to the American soldiers who died in France, one which may carry on the work which they began. The Alan Seeger Fund, the first contribution made toward the endowment of the library, was given with this in view. It is the hope and expectation of the trustees that other memorial funds of this character will be presented.

"But they hope even more strongly that communities may be interested in the institution, that as every man has two countries, his own and France, even so it may come to pass that every one interested in

popular education, in making the world ready for democracy may feel he has two libraries, his local public library and this library in France.

"And they will have reason also to expect it wherever library officials and Legion officials are able to co-operate in the collection of funds and books for this purpose. It may not be possible at this time to secure funds, but it is always possible to secure books which will be more useful in a public library than in a private one, and more useful in Europe than in America."

This is Americanization work on a large scale. America is sending its authors to Europe to give expression to American ideals and tell about American achievements.

The following books, chosen from the A.L.A. list entitled *The United States* are wanted by the Paris Library, and they illustrate the kind of books which would be welcomed in response to the above suggestion:

Adams, Ephraim Douglas,  
The power of ideals in American history.  
Andrews, Matthew Page,  
The American's creed and its meaning,  
Cooper, Clayton Sedgwick,  
American ideals.  
Erskine, John,  
Democracy and ideals.  
Ross, Edward Alsworth,  
What is America?  
Abdy, H. Bennett,  
On the Ohio.  
Johnson, Clifton,  
What to see in America.  
Mills, Enos Abijah,  
Rocky mountain wonderland.  
Muir, John,  
Mountains of California.  
Stephenson, William B.,  
The land of tomorrow.

It is suggested that libraries willing to contribute these or other books get in touch with local Legion officials and then communicate with W. Dawson Johnston, 10 rue de l'Élysée, Paris, before making any shipments.